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NOTIFICATION

Establishment of an advisory group/steering committee to assist in the completion of the composite report and undertake peer review of the revised version (Decision VII/16/E/4(d) on Article 8(j) and related provisions).

Dear Sir/Madam,

In its decision VII/16E, paragraph 4(d) on the composite report on the status and trends regarding traditional knowledge relevant to biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to “create an advisory group/steering committee in which indigenous and local communities will be represented to assist in the completion of the report and undertake a peer review of the revised version, in consultation with indigenous peoples and local community organizations that have participated in the work on the Convention”

In Notification Ref: SCBD/SEL/OJ/RR/43986 dated 15 June 2004, the Secretariat invited nominations for the Advisory Group. After due consideration, taking into account the nominees' expertise and experience in indigenous issues and traditional knowledge as well as geographic distribution and gender balance, I am pleased to inform you that the advisory group for Article 8(j) has been established. A list of members is contained in Annex I and a list of all nominations is contained in Annex II.

It is envisaged that the advisory group will meet physically together in 2005. However, most communications and discussions will occur via electronic means. While the main task of the advisory group will be to assist in and undertake a peer review of the composite report as decided by the Conference of the Parties, the Group will be called upon to provide advice on other, related matters, such as the further development of a plan of action for the retention of traditional knowledge relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, consistent with decision VII E, paragraph 8.

With regard to the composite report, Advisory Group members may be called upon to participate in the regional workshops (as per Decision VII/16, E.4 [a]) to be organized to assist the consultants in drafting the report and to encourage input from Parties, Governments, relevant organizations and all stakeholders as appropriate, including indigenous and local communities.

To: CBD National Focal Points



Subject to the availability of funding, four regional workshops (Asia, Africa, Latin America, Arctic/Europe) are tentatively planned to be held in the first half 2005.

The Secretariat will keep all interested parties informed of developments in this important work through the National Focal Points.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Annex 1

Selected experts for the Advisory Group/Steering Committee By Region

Africa

Ms. Haman Hajara, Cameroon
Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, Kenya
Mr. Gladman Chibememe, Zimbabwe
Mr. Mohammad Gad, Egypt

Asia and the Pacific

Ms. Jannie Lasimbag, Malaysia
Mr. Sandy Gauntlett, New Zealand
Mr. Stephen Schnierer, Australia

Central and Eastern Europe

Ms. Erjen C. Khamaganova, Russia

Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Andrés Madariaga, Argentina
Ms. Esther Camac Ramirez, Costa Rica
Mr. Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz, Mexico
Mr. Alejandro Argumedo, Peru

Western Europe and Arctic

Ms. Marianne Jensen, Denmark/Greenland
Ms. Audhild Schanche, Norway

North America

Ms. Peigi Wilson, Canada
Mr. Preston Hardison, USA

Annex 2
Full List of Nominations for the Advisory Group/Steering Committee

1. Ms. Amanda Bertolutti, Argentina
2. Mr. Andrés Madariaga, Argentina
3. Mr. Stephen Schnierer, Australia
4. Mr. René Kuppe, Austria
5. Mr. Christian Vogl, Austria
6. Dr. Edhem Haskovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
7. Ms. Maria Angelica Ikeda, Brazil
8. Ms. Violet Ford, Canada
9. Ms. Peigi Wilson Canada
10. Mr. Jim Webb, Canada
11. Mr. Merle Alexander, Canada
12. Mr. Brian MacDonald, Canada
13. Mr. Victor Eduardo Alonqueo Boudon, Chile
14. Ms. Teresa Dolores Cruz Sardiñas, Cuba
15. Ms. Marianne Jensen, Denmark
16. Ms. Ida Nicolaisen, Denmark
17. Mr. Rodrigo de la Cruz Inlando, Ecuador
18. Mrs. Yoda Ya'koub, Egypt
19. Mr. Mohammad Gad, Egypt
20. M. Sélim Louafi, France
21. Mme. Roue, France
22. Mme. Elisabeth Chouvin, France
23. Mr. Eric A. Okoree, Ghana
24. Mr. Fodé Luncény Camara, Guinea
25. Mr. Mahmoud Balde, Guinea
26. Ms. Jannie Lasimbang, Malaysia
27. Mr. Cecilio Solís Librado, Mexico
28. Mr. Mindahi Bastida, Mexico
29. Dr. Krishna Chandra Poudel, Nepal
30. Mr. Sandy Gauntlett, New Zealand
31. Dr. Audhild Schanche, Norway
32. Dr. Hafeerz-ur-Rehman, Pakistan
33. Mr. Tahir Rasheed, Pakistan
34. Mr. Heraclio Herrera, Panama
35. Mr. Roberto Mucaro Borrero, Puerto Rico
36. Ms. Erjen Khamaganova, Russia
37. Dr. Yagoub Abdalla Mohamed, Sudan
38. Mr. Mattias Åhren, Sweden
39. Mr. Chin Buaban, Thailand
40. Mr. Nokom Phutta, Thailand
41. Mr. Hannarong Yaovalert, Thailand
42. Dr. Keith Tinker, The Bahamas
43. Mr. Akpagana Koffi, Togo
44. Mme. Padayodi Tchilalo, Togo
45. Mr. Slaheddine Gannouni, Tunisia
46. Mr. Gladman Chibememe, Zimbabwe